

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. From the standpoint of training and equipment the army is now considered to be in good condition. Many of the troops and officers, particularly field officers, have been trained in various Soviet schools. The army is equipped with modern weapons and is well trained; its cadres can now be considered dependable after 9 years of intense theoretical and practical training.
2. All three services have had increasing numbers of Soviet field officers, especially Lieutenant Colonels and equivalent ranks, assigned to them. Many of these have been joined by their families. The technical aid and advisers furnished by the Soviet Union continue to arrive. Materiel, including artillery, small arms, ammunition, clothing, medium and light tanks, YAK fighters, aviation gasoline, light and medium tires, and engineering equipment, continues to arrive in considerable quantities.
3. The morale of the Albanian troops has been adversely affected by the severe economic situation. Other factors which have affected morale are the police persecution, Party nepotism, the very strict discipline, and the long term of military service. However, a factor which has helped to offset the low morale is the provocation and sending of diversionists into Albania from neighboring countries; this intensifies the loyalty of the troops to the Regime. Propaganda which attempts to counteract these elements causing low morale is not believed to be very successful.

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4. The army was maintained on an alert basis according to a prepared defense plan following the death of Stalin. Anti-tank guns and heavy automatic weapons were set up in tactical positions, many of them in pill-boxes camouflaged as huts or small country houses. Around Tirana the number of antiaircraft guns, cannons, and machine guns was increased. Bridges and roads leading to Durres and Shkoder were guarded, and protective measures were taken at the frontiers and along the Adriatic.

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